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1. INDOCHINA

ANGRY OPPOSITION DEPUTIES WALK OUT OF SVN LEGISLATIVE
DEBATE ON REFORMING PRESS LAWS, JOIN DEMONSTRATORS OUTSIDE.
MAIN OBJECTION IS THAT GVN-BACKED CHANGES STILL ALLOW
CONFISCATION ON "VAGUE GROUNDS." BILL APPROVED BY
REMAINING DEPUTIES (CHITRIB). LOWER HOUSE PASSES AND
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SENDS TO SENATE PRESS BILL THAT OPPOSITION SAYS AMOUNTS
TO DE FACTO CENSORSHIP AND WOULD NOT DEFUSE POLITICAL
DISSENT (AP, PHINQ).

WP'S MCCOMBS IN SAIGON SAYS NEW PRESS LAW IS CONSIDERED SURE OF APPROVAL IN SENATE. IT LIBERALIZES SOME PROVISIONS OF OLD LAW BUT RETAINS KEY INGREDIENTS OF CENSORSHIP; NEWSMEN, PUBLISHERS AND OPPOSITION DEPUTIES DENOUNCE IT. MCCOMBS REVIEWS HISTORY OF PRESS ISSUE IN SAIGON, "LIVELY" NEWSPAPER TOWN WITH 16 VIET AND TEN CHINESE DAILIES, THAT SEEMED TO SPARK REAL PUBLIC RESPONSE. NOTES LIBERALIZED LAW ABOLISHES \$30,000 DEPOSIT REQUIRED BY GVN TO INSURE PAYMENT OF POSSIBLE FINES, REDUCES MAXIMUM FINES AND PRISON TERMS FOR PUBLISHERS, AND SWITCHES ENFORCEMENT FROM MIL TO CIVIL COURTS. BUT PAPERS WILL STILL HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED DAILY TO CENSORS WHO HAVE

POWER TO ORDER NEWS DELETED OR RUNS CONFISCATED. POLITICAL OBSERVERS BELIEVE THIEU STEADFAST IN DESIRE TO RETAIN STRICT CONTROL OVER PAPERS DESPITE FIRING OF INFO MINISTER NHA, WHO REMAINS ACTING MINISTER AND APPEARS DETERMINED TO STAY IN POSITION OF INFLUENCE.

SHIPLER (NYT) SEES LOWER HOUSE VOTE THWARTING OPPOSITION PRESS FREEDOM DRIVE BY LEAVING THIEU WITH POWER TO CONFISCATE PAPERS. SAYS THIEU HAS BEEN FORCED TO ACCEPT MODIFICATION IN LAW, BUT "POLITICIANS ARE NOT YET READY TO ABANDON HIM." REPORTS THAT TWO DAYS AGO THIEU INVITED 76 SUPPORTERS IN LOWER HOUSE TO INDEPENDENCE PALACE, GAVE THEM HIS IDEAS AND "REPORTEDLY TALKED ABOUT SENDING TANKS" TO NATL ASSEMBLY IF NECESSARY. 76 DEPUTIES VOTED TO PASS AMENDMENTS "BEARING MR. THIEU'S IMPRIMATUR."

SHIPLER SEES CENSORSHIP AS ONE OF TWO "INEXTRICABLY LINKED" ISSUES THAT HAVE FUELED DEMONSTRATIONS; OTHER IS CORRUPTION, AND PRESS ISSUE GAINED PROMINENCE AFTER STERN GVN ACTION AGAINST PAPERS PUBLICIZING CORRUPTION CHARGES. NOTES THAT CONFISCATION IS EXTREMELY COSTLY FOR PAPERS, MANY OF WHICH OPERATE ON THIN PROFITS, AND THREAT IS USUALLY ENOUGH TO PROMPT SELF-CENSORSHIP. UNCLASSIFIED

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OPPONENTS OF BILL UNSUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT TO SHIFT CONFISCATION AUTHORITY TO COURTS.

NYT'S NORA SAYRE FAVORABLY REVIEWS JANE FONDA'S FILM, "INTRODUCTION TO THE ENEMY," FINDS IT QUIET, MODEST AND OF INTEREST TO ANYONE CONCERNED WITH THE WAR AS WELL AS "THOSE WHO THINK THAT THE WAR IS OVER." FILM STRESSES THAT VIETS DON'T HATE AMERICANS AND DISTINGUISH BETWEEN US PEOPLE AND POLITICAL LEADERS. RECURRENT THEME IS THAT VN IS ONE COUNTRY WITH ARTIFICIAL DIVISION NOT ACCEPTED BY VIETS. SAYRE CHARACTERIZES IT OVERALL AS PENSIVE AND MOVING CHAPTER IN OUR EDUCATION ABOUT VIET NAM.

BARBARA REYNOLDS (CHITRIB) QUOTES RONALD YOUNG OF AFSC, ON BASIS OF HIS RECENT MONTH-LONG VISIT TO NORTH AND SOUTH VN, THAT US AID SHOULD BE HALTED BECAUSE IT IS SQUANDERED BY GVN. YOUNG ALSO CITED C-F VIOLATIONS BY SVN, SAID OVER 70,000 CIVILIANS KILLED SINCE C-F, THAT "TENS OF THOUSANDS" OF SOUTH VIETS HAVE BECOME POLITICAL PRISONERS SINCE C-F BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION TO THIEU; NOTED THAT NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED, AND THAT THERE ARE MORE THAN THREE MILLION REFUGEES, MANY THREATENED

WITH STARVATION. YOUNG ADDED THAT LESS THAN TEN PERCENT OF FOOD FOR PEACE "EVER GETS TO THE PEOPLE." RICE, FERTILIZER AND MEDICINE ARE STORED IN WAREHOUSES UNTIL PRICES GO UP AND THEN SOLD BY CORRUPT BUSINESSMEN AND GOVT OFFICIALS.

PEERS REPORT CONCLUDES THAT MY LAI MASSACRE RESULTED PRIMARILY FROM ORDERS GIVEN BY SOME TASK FORCE OFFICERS THAT SOME GIS THOUGHT MEANT, "KILL EVERYONE" IN HAMLET (CSM; AP, BALTO N-A 11/14). LAT'S ABRAMSON (11/14) CONCLUDES FROM REPORT THAT BETWEEN 175 AND 400 NONCOMBATANTS WERE KILLED IN HAMLETS OF SON MY VILLAGE, THAT AMERICANS PERPETRATED MANY OTHER SERIOUS CRIMES, AND ACTIONS WERE TAKEN UP CHAIN OF COMMAND WITTINGLY AND UNWITTINGLY THAT EFFECTIVELY SUPPRESSED WAR CRIMES INFO. S-N'S ORR KELLY (11/14) NOTES PEERS REPORT UNCLASSIFIED

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FOUND "CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE" THAT ANOTHER MASSACRE, IN WHICH 90 VIETS MAY HAVE BEE' KILLED, OCCURRED ON SAME DAY AS MY LAI.

2. AUSTRALIA/PRC

AP CANBERRA REPORTS THAT PM WHITLAM IS INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS THAT MEMBER OF CAIRNS' STAFF ATTACKED US DIPLOMAT, AUSSIE BUSINESSMAN AND AUSSIE AMBASSADOR TO CHINA DURING PEKING PARTY. DEPUTY COUNTRY PARTY LEADER SINCLAIR TOLD HOUSE THAT INCIDENT OCCURRED AT AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY DURING CAIRNS' PEKING VISIT, BUT DID NOT IDENTIFY STAFFER, US DIPLOMAT OR BUSINESSMAN. AP NOTES THAT OTHER OFFICIALS SAID REPORTS FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF CAIRNS' PARTY CONFIRMED INCIDENT (CARRIED IN WP EARLY EDITION ONLY).

3. GENERAL

UPI HK ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF VETERAN CORRESPONDENT LEON DANIEL AS UPI GENERAL NEWS EDITOR FOR ASIA (BALTO N-A 11/14).

4. KOREA

REUTER (SEOUL) REPORTS NORTH AND SOUTH KOREANS IN 75-MINUTE FIREFIGHT ACROSS WEST END OF DMZ FRIDAY MORNING. SK REPORTS NO CASUALTIES.

NYT (UPI) REPORTS RELEASE OF THE FIVE AMERICANS IN PRISON IN ROK IN FRIENDLY GESTURE ON EVE OF FORD'S VISIT. FOUR GIS AND ONE CIVILIAN WERE IN JAIL ON DRUG OR MURDER CONVICTIONS (WP). REUTER (SEOUL) LISTS

NAMES AND CRIMES.

NYT (SEOUL) REPORTS KIM YOUNG-SAM SAYS NDP WILL TAKE LEAD IN CAMPAIGNING FOR CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION. REUTER (SEOUL) NOTES 50 OPPOSITION ASSEMBLYMEN WHO TOOK TO STREETS WERE DISPERSED BY RIOT POLICE, BUT KIM AND SEVEN COLLEAGUES DETAINED BRIEFLY.

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NYT AND GLOBE CARRY 4-COLUMN PHOTOS OF ARREST OF US RC VICAR SINNOTT IN INCHON DURING PROTEST DEMANDING RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. CAPTIONS NOTE HIS RELEASE AFTER HOURS OF QUESTIONING.

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND, IN SEOUL, DESCRIBES OMNIPRESENT KCIA ROLE IN REPRESSING OPPOSITION TO PARK GOVT, BY "PERSUASION, OR TOUGHER FORMS OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND INTERROGATION". KOREANS BELIEVE KCIA IS EVERYWHERE, AND RC PRIESTS, LONG A CONSERVATIVE FORCE, ARE UNDER SCRUTINY FOR VOCAL CRITICISM OF REGIME, PROMPTED BY ARREST OF BISHOP CHI. KCIA GOES TO CHURCH, TO LISTEN AND TAKE PICTURES, AND RC PRIEST SEES LITTLE EASING OF REPRESSION. RCS AND PROTESTANTS BOTH URGE FORD TO RECONSIDER HIS VISIT, WHICH THEY FEAR MIGHT INDIRECTLY CONDONE PARK'S ACTION AGAINST CHURCH.

5. CHINA

PRC ANNOUNCES CHIAO KUAN-HUA SUCCEEDS CHI PENG-FEI AS FM; CHI TO BE GIVEN ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT. REUTER (PEKING) NOTES CHIAO IS CLOSE CONFIDANT OF CHOU EN-LAI, HAS HEADED PRC'S UNGA DELEGATION, SPENT TWO YEARS HEADING BORDER TALKS WITH SOVIET, AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN CHARTING PEKING'S FOREIGN POLICY. WIDELY TRAVELED, HE HAS BEEN PROMINENT IN INTERNATIONAL DEALINGS FOR NEARLY 25 YEARS. SHIFT COMES JUST 10 DAYS BEFORE HAK IS DUE IN PEKING; KISSINGER IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH CHIAO, WHO HAS SAT IN ON MANY OF SECRETARY'S TALKS WITH CHOU. MOVE ALSO COMES BEFORE LONG-AWAITED NPC MEETING. OBSERVERS IN PEKING NOTE CHIAO HAS BEEN

CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH PRC RAPPROCHEMENT WITH US AND JAPAN, AND HIS PROMOTION CAN BE SEEN AS SYMBOLIC ENDORSEMENT OF THESE POLICIES (NYT).

WP (PEKING) DISPATCH REPORTS "HIGHLY UNUSUAL" ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHIAO'S ELEVATION WAS MADE BY FM PROTOCOL SECTION TO EMBASSIES IN PEKING THURSDAY BUT NOT REPORTED BY NCNA OR IN NEWSPAPERS.

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NYT'S LELYVELD, IN HK, SAYS PRC LEADERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGED EARLY LAST SUMMER THAT ANTI-CONFUCIAN POLITICAL CAMPAIGN HAD CREATED "MAJOR WEAKNESSES" IN ECONOMY, ACCORDING TO EXCERPTS FROM SECRET DOCUMENT PUBLISHED IN HK THURSDAY. SOBER ASSESSMENT, SECRETLY PUBLISHED JULY 1 AS DOCUMENT 21 OF CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE, ASSERTED THAT SLUMPING COAL PRODUCTION AND RAILWAY CONGESTION HAD "FORCED MANY ENTERPRISES TO CEASE OR REDUCE THEIR PRODUCTION," WITH RESULT THAT PRODUCTION TARGETS FOR STEEL, IRON, NONFERROUS METALS, ETC "NOT BEING FULFILLED WELL." EXISTENCE OF DOCUMENT 21 BECAME KNOWN AT THAT TIME, BUT DETAILED ASSESSMENT IT CONTAINED BECAME AVAILABLE ONLY THURSDAY WHEN CHINESE-LANGUAGE HK TIMES PUBLISHED EXCERPTS MADE AVAILABLE BY TAIWAN'S CNA. HK DIPLOMATIC ANALYSTS SAID MATERIAL APPEARED GENUINE.

JOC (TOKYO) REPORTS PRC AUTHORITIES HAVE MADE FORMAL REQUEST TO JAPAN THAT TWO-MONTH DELAY BE ARRANGED FOR SHIPMENTS OF 50,000 TONS OF FERTILIZER. TO TOKYO, IT IS INTRIGUING THAT PEKING, ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT ANY EXPLANATION, IS SEEKING DELAY, AND FEELING IN JAPAN IS THAT PRC IS EMBARRASSED BY SERIOUS B/P DEFICIT AND SHORTAGES OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE. JAPAN CANNOT DELAY SHIPMENTS, PLANS SHIP FERTILIZER TO SEA; PRC WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR DELIVERIES IN MARCH OR LATER.

AP (TAIPEI) SAYS ROC SPORTS OFFICIALS AND BASEBALL AUTHORITIES ARE STUDYING POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING THEIR OWN LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES, BUT MAIN CONCERN IS MONEY (NYT).

6. ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY

CSM'S POND, IN MOSCOW, SEES MONGOLIA AS STALKING HORSE FOR SOVIETS ON ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY; OBSERVES MAGAZINE NEW TIMES (NOV 13) FEATURED INTERVIEW IN WHICH MONGOLIAN FM "ARDENTLY" SUPPORTED SOVIET IDEA OF ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM. FM ALSO BOOSTED PROJECT IN NOV. ISSUE OF SOVIET MAGAZINE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND THIS WEEK TASS CARRIED LONG PIECE ON SUBJECT BY MONGOLIAN COMMENTATOR.

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PEKING SEES IDEA AS SCHEME TO ENCIRCLE CHINA WITH ALLIANCES UNDER MOSCOW'S INFLUENCE. SHORT OF ACTUALLY CREATING SOME SECURITY ORGANIZATION -- UNLIKELY DEVELOPMENT, GIVEN GUARDED RESPONSE OF ASIAN STATES -- SOVIET USES ITS CAMPAIGN FOR COLLECTIVE SECURITY TO MAKE PROPAGANDA POINTS AGAINST PRC.

7. HAK ENERGY SPEECH

HAK PROPOSAL TO DEAL WITH OIL CRISIS, PRESENTED THURSDAY NIGHT IN CHICAGO, IS COVERED ON FRONT PAGE OF MANY PAPERS. HAK SAYS US PREPARED TO CUT OIL IMPORTS 85 PCT OVER NEXT DECADE, BUT WARNS ONLY DRASTIC CONSERVATION IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION "AND COLLABORATION AMONG CONSUMING NATIONS" CAN PROTECT WESTERN WORLD FROM "THREAT OF NEW EMBARGO" AND RISK OF FINANCIAL COLLAPSE. CALLS ON INDUSTRIAL NATIONS, INCLUDING JAPAN, TO COOPERATE IN JOINT PROGRAM FOR CONSERVATION, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF 25 BILLION DOLLAR FUND TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST MASSIVE, UNPREDICTABLE WITHDRAWAL OF OIL DOLLARS BY PRODUCERS FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.

REUTER (TOKYO) QUOTES GOJ SOURCE SAYING 5-POINT OIL COOPERATION PROPOSAL WOULD PLACE JAPAN IN DIFFICULT POSITION VIS-A-VIS OIL PRODUCING NATIONS. HAK'S GENERAL ENERGY PLAN HAS BEEN KNOWN SINCE EAG MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN FEBRUARY BUT SOURCES NOTE "IMPORTANT, SPECIFIC PROPOSAL" IN SPEECH LAST NIGHT FOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TO RECYCLE OIL DOLLARS. SOURCES THINK IT SIGNIFICANT THAT SPEECH COMES DAYS BEFORE FORD VISIT, AND EXPECT HAK TO PRESS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF HIS PLANS IN PRINCIPLE, WHILE IN JAPAN. BUT, THEY ALSO NOTE ABSENCE OF OIL EXPERTS IN FORD PARTY, WHICH SUGGESTS SPECIFIC DETAILS WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED. GOJ OFFICIALS COMMENT THAT JAPAN WOULD NOT BENEFIT FROM PACKAGE, UNLESS IT JOINS IN TREATY TO CONSERVE OIL, BUT POINT OUT THEIR CONSISTENT OPPOSITION TO ANY PLAN WHICH COULD LEAD TO CONFRONTATION BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. FOR THAT REASON, THEY SAY, THEY OPPOSED JOINT OIL CONSERVATION PROPOSED IN MEETING OF FINANCE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS

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IN WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER.

8. JAPAN

REUTER (PHOENIX) REPORTS PRESIDENT TELLS PRESS CONFERENCE HE IS GOING AHEAD WITH EA VISIT -- EVEN THOUGH THERE

IS NO VP -- BECAUSE HE "CANNOT TWIDDLE THUMBS" WHILE CONGRESS PROCRASTINATES, DELAYING IMPORTANT TASK OF STRENGTHENING RELATIONS WITH TWO ALLIES, AND FURTHERING DETENTE WITH SOVIET.

OBERDORFER (WP, PHINQ) IN TOKYO SAYS ALREADY INTENSE SECURITY FOR FORD VISIT INCREASED AFTER ATTACKS ON US AND SOVIET EMBASSIES BY RADICAL MARXIST YOUTH LEAGUE

THURSDAY (5 COL AP PHOTO OF ATTACK ON US EMBASSY IN WP). MYL LEADER SAYS, WITH PRIDE, "WE WILL FIGHT THEM TO BITTER END," AND PLANS MARCH ON AIRPORT TO PREVENT FORD LANDING. POLICE MOBILIZE 25,000 MEN TO GUARD FORD IN TOKYO AND 30,000 IN KYOTO, "CENTER OF STUDENT RADICALISM," BUT OBERDORFER DETECTS FEW SIGNS OF "PUBLIC APPROVAL" OF JSP AND JCP RALLIES AGAINST VISIT. KOMEITO REVERSED EARLIER OPPOSITION TO VISIT, AND INFLUENTIAL ASAHI SHIMBUN, WHICH OPPOSED IKE VISIT IN 1960, HAS RUN TWO EDITORIALS WELCOMING VISIT. FORMER US AMB REISCHAUER, OBERDORFER NOTES (AS DO CSM, SUN), PRAISED VISIT AT PRESS LUNCHEON IN TOKYO AS MAJOR "SYMBOLIC BUT IMPORTANT" STEP IN "REDRESSING NEGLECT OF JAPAN" DURING NIXON FIRST TERM BUT HE CRITICIZED SK VISIT AS "AWFUL BLUNDER" RECONFIRMING "UNCONDITIONAL US COMMITMENT" WHEN US PUBLIC UNWILLING TO BACK IT IN CASE OF CHALLENGE. OBERDORFER ALSO NOTES 241 AMERICANS IN JAPAN (ALMOST HALF MISSIONARIES) CALL ON FORD ,IN STRONGEST POLITICAL, MORAL TERMS" TO CANCEL SK VISIT, WHICH EXPRESSES "SUPPORT FOR REGIME THAT DENIES BASIC HUMAN AND POLITICAL RIGHTS."

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD, IN TOKYO, REPORTS GOJ, GETTING NERVOUS ABOUT FORD VISIT, HAS INTENSIFIED SECURITY, GIVING RISE TO CONCERN IT "MIGHT OVERWHELM" GOOD FEELINGS AND HISTORIC TIES VISIT INTENDED TO SYMBOLIZE. GOJ WORRIES UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDERScoreD BY ULTRA-LEFT STUDENT ATTACK ON US AND SOVIET EMBASSIES THURSDAY.

AP (SUN WITH PHOTO) SAYS MYL COMMANDO-ATTACKERS LEFT LEAF-LETS IN SOVIET EMBASSY, WHERE "3 OR 4" DIPLOMATS AND 22 POLICE INJURED, CHARGING WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW PLAN TO DIVIDE WORLD BETWEEN THEM.

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND, IN TOKYO, SAYS MOST JAPANESE ARE MORE CONCERNED WITH INFLATION THAN OPPOSING FORD VISIT, DESPITE LEFTIST CAMPAIGN TO STIR UP EMOTIONS OVER CHARGE US WARSHIPS BRING IN NUKES. "IMPORTANT" JCP RALLY IN TOKYO PARK TO PROTEST VISIT DREW NO MORE THAN 2,000. IRONY IN "SAFEST CITY IN WORLD" IS THAT POLICE PLAN TO ENVELOP FORD IN UNPRECEDENTED SECURITY BLANKET BECAUSE OF

HANDFUL OF RADICALS, LIKE THOSE WHO FIREBOMBED US AND SOVIET EMBASSIES, WHO ALSO SUSPECTED OF SETTING OFF TIME-BOMBS AT MITSUBISHI AND MITSUI BLDGS IN AUGUST.

GLOBE'S STORIN, IN TOKYO, REPORTS GOJ OBSESSION WITH SECURITY FOR FORD VISIT FOLLOWING ATTACK ON EMBASSIES IS SO GREAT THAT 21-GUN SALUTE WILL BE FIRED BEFORE HE

DEPLANES, LEST IT BE CONFUSED AS ATTACK. ADDS THAT TANAKA POLITICAL STATURE CONTINUES TO EBB, WITH OHIRA SAYING PM IS "CONSIDERING" RESIGNING SOON. NYDN (AP TOKYO) SAYS GOJ EXPRESSED REGRETS FOR ATTACKS ON EMBASSIES.

JOC'S CULLISON REPORTS BANK OF JAPAN VIEW THAT RAPIDLY DETERIORATING ECONOMIC SITUATION MAY FORCE TANAKA GOVT TO ABANDON ITS STRICT ANTI-INFLATION POLICY BY SECOND QUARTER NEXT YEAR.

GOJ FORMS 10-MAN COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE FLAWS IN REACTOR OF NUCLEAR VESSEL MUTSU (WP).

TOYO KOGYO (MAZDA) MARKETS IN JAPAN WITH NEW TYPE CAR ROTARY ENGINE USING 20 PCT LESS FUEL, TO RECOUP SALES LOST WHEN US TESTS SHOWED HIGH CONSUMPTION (CHITRIB)

ABOUT 3,000 MEMBERS OF JCP YOUTH LEAGUE MARCH PAST US UNCLASSIFIED

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EMBASSY, SHOUTING "PRES FORD -- DON'T COME TO JAPAN -- DON'T BRING NUKES INTO JAPAN" IN PRELUDE TO SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED DURING FORD VISIT (AP TOKYO).

FORMER PM SATO TELLS AP IT IS UNTHINKABLE TO CONSIDER POSTPONING FORD VISIT, NOTING TANAKA, DESPITE POLITICAL TROUBLES, STILL REPRESENTS PEOPLE, AND THROUGH HIM NATION CONFERS WITH FORD. BELIEVES US LEADERS WOULD BE PREPARED IF TANAKA STEPS DOWN SHORTLY AFTER VISIT, AND SUCH MOVE WOULD NOT HURT FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH "RELIABLE PARTNER FOR JAPAN".

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. KOREA

WP'S OBERDORFER, IN SEOUL, OPINES THAT WHILE PARK'S RULE DOES NOT SEEM ENDANGERED NOW, DOMESTIC OPPOSITION HAS BROADENED AND DEEPENED IN PAST YEAR, AND TREND OF EVENTS IS NOT ON PARK'S SIDE. IN ABSENCE OF FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES, SUCH AS RELEASE OF 200 POLITICAL PRISONERS SENTENCED UNDER HIS EDICTS, PARK'S CRITICS AND ENEMIES HAVE NOT BEEN PLACATED OR WON OVER.

MOST TANGIBLE LEGACIES OF AUG 15 ASSASSINATION INCIDENT ARE IMMENSELY TIGHTENED PHYSICAL SECURITY CHECKS AT SEOUL AIRPORT AND NEW PILLBOXES AND OTHER HIDDEN WORKS AROUND ALREADY MASSIVELY-GUARDED BLUE HOUSE. PARK'S CIRCLE OF FRIENDS HAS CONTRACTED FURTHER, AND HE MOVES AROUND EVEN LESS FREELY THAN BEFORE. WHILE FORD'S PRESENCE MAY BE BOOST FOR PARK, RECENT EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS PHENOMENON WILL BE TEMPORARY.

SITUATION IN SEOUL TODAY IN SOME RESPECTS RESEMBLES THAT OF LAST FALL WHEN ONE DEMONSTRATION AFTER ANOTHER BROKE OUT IN UNIVERSITIES. BUT UNLIKE LAST YEAR, MAINSTREAM OF RC AND MANY OTHER PROTESTANT CHURCHES IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN STRUGGLE, AND NDP IS ALSO MORE OUTSPOKEN AND DETERMINED. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS FROM HIGH CIRCLES SAY PARK IS CONSIDERING OVERHAUL OF MARTIAL LAW CONSTITUTION; NOW APPEARS UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT NOTHING SHORT OF PARK DECISION TO STEP DOWN WILL BE LIKELY TO END DISSENSION.

10. PRES FORD'S ASIA TRIP

MARQUIS CHILDS RECALLS THAT WHEN TROUBLES AT HOME CLOSED IN, FORD'S PREDECESSORS WOULD TURN TO FOREIGN TRAVEL, WITH ACCOMPANYING TV, IN EXOITC SETTINGS AND CHEERING CROWDS. BUT FORD'S COMING TRAVELS ARE LIKELY TO BE BEDEVILED BY TROUBLES ABROAD THAT CANNOT BE RESOLVED BY TV SPECTACULAR, SO WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS WRONG TRIP AT WRONG TIME IS QUESTION HANGING OVER HIS ASIAN SORTIE.

TANAKAS POLITICAL CRUNCH IS SO ACUTE "THAT HE CAN HARDLY SURVIVE ONE YEAR"; AND "UNDERLYING ANTI-AMERICANISM" IN JAPAN HAS BEEN SHARPENED BY "REVELATION" THAT US SHIPS RETAIN NUKES IN JAPANESE PORTS. NEVERTHELESS,

CONGRESS GROWING BALKY ABOUT CONTINUING AID TO ROK. THEY ALSO SAY VLADIVOSTOK "MINI-SUMMIT" WILL LET LEADERS "TAKE EACH OTHER'S MEASURE", AND OFFERS HOPE OF PROGRESS IN SALT II TALKS AS PRELUDE TO FULL-SCALE SUMMIT IN US NEXT SUMMER.

'SJ'S FARNEY FINDS FORD'S SHIP OF STATE HAS SPENT FIRST 100 DAYS MOSTLY DRIFTING, AND CONCLUDES ITS FUTURE FOREIGN POLICY PROMISES LITTLE CHANGE FROM NIXON'S RELIANCE ON JET-PROPELLED HAK. BUT LIKE HIS PREDECESSOR, FORD "LOVES TO TRAVEL, AND THAT'S PARTLY WHY HE WILL WING OFF THIS SUNDAY FOR JAPAN, KOREA AND VLADIVOSTOK, ON A DIPLOMATIC TRIP THAT SEEMS LIKELY TO PROVIDE MORE CEREMONY THAN SUBSTANCE."

11. CHINA

S-N BLASTS LITTLE LEAGUE DECISION TO EXCLUDE FOREIGN TEAMS FROM ITS "WORLD SERIES." BASEBALL HAS BEEN ONE OF MORE VALUABLE US EXPORTS, AND FACT THAT TEAMS FROM ROC, JAPAN AND MEXICO HAVE DOMINATED CHAMPIONSHIPS IN RECENT YEARS IS LAMENTABLE RATIONALE FOR EXCLUDING UNCLASSIFIED

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THEM (NOV 14).

12. THAILAND

MARTIN GETZENDANNER (CSM) IN BANGKOK SEES REST OF ASIA WATCHING CLOSELY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THAILAND REALLY HAS TURNED CORNER ON ITS WAY TO FULL DEMOCRACY, OR WHETHER NEW THAI DEMOCRATIC FRAMEWORK IS SIMPLY PRELUDE TO NEW MILITARY CRACKDOWN. FEELS OCT REVOLUTION DID NOT DISLODGE OLD MILITARY POWER STRUCTURE, AS CLAIMED; MERELY KNOCKED OFF VERY TOP, BUT BELOW THAT IT ONLY BROUGHT RESHUFFLE. FACING MILITARY AS ELECTIONS APPROACH IS THOROUGHLY-FRAGMENTED CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP. COUNTERPOISED AGAINST OLD-STYLE ELITE POLITICKING ARE NEW MASS-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, MOST INFLUENTIAL AMONG THEM BEING STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNIST PARTY, FARMERS' GROUPS AND LABOR ASSOCIATIONS. FIRST TWO ARE HAVING MOST PROBLEMS, BUT COMMUNISTS AND STUDENTS HAVE DEVELOPED SOLID FOUNDATIONS OF SUPPORT AND ARE GROWING MORE RAPIDLY THAN EVER. ON OTHER HAND, FARMER AND LABOR ASSOCIATIONS HAVE BEEN HAVING GREATEST DIFFICULTIES JUST KEEPING UP WITH MUSHROOMING MEMBERSHIPS.

BUT FACTION-RIDDEN CIVILIAN ELITE HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO STAND UP TO MILITARY, AND WITHOUT MUSCLE OF MASS ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING DIRECTLY IN NEW GOVT, THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE CIVILIANS WILL BE MORE SUCCESSFUL THIS TIME. IS PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY SECURE IN THAILAND? ANSWER SEEMS TO BE STARK "NO."

13. GENERAL

LAT'S ELEGANT IN HK (11/14) OBSERVES THAT INFLATION PERILS FUTURE GROWING OF ASIAN MIDDLE CLASS. RECOUNTS BLOSSOMING OF MIDDLE CLASS WITH TRANSFORMATION FROM COLONIALISM TO INDEPENDENCE, AND ITS ADOPTION OF WESTERN VALUES. BELIEVES RELATIONSHIP WITH WEST THREATENED, AS IS CONTINUING SOCIAL AND ECON PROGRESS IN MOST ASIAN COUNTRIES. SOME NATIONS, LIKE BURMA, CONTRIVED IDEOSYNCRATIC FORMS OF "PRESUMED UNCLASSIFIED

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SOCIAL DEMOCRACY" WITHOUT MUCH SUCCESS. THESE GRIND MIDDLE CLASS, BUT PRIMARY THREAT IS INFLATION. THIS DEPRESSES BUSINESS ACTIVITY BY WHICH IT LIVES AND PUTS MATERIAL OBJECTS FOR WHICH IT STRIVES OUT OF REACH.

ELEGANT DOES NOT INCLUDE JAPAN IN HIS SURVEY SINCE IT IS SO DIFFERENT. NOTES THAT "CURIOSLY" ONE COUNTRY WHERE NEW MIDDLE CLASS IS STUBBORNLY ENTRENCHED IS PRC, WHERE MIDDLE CLASS ATTITUDES EVINced BY URBAN WORKING CLASS ARE UNDER CONSTANT ATTACK.

SEES DANGER IN NEW TREND BECAUSE WITHOUT THRIVING MIDDLE CLASS, MOST TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS CANNOT OPERATE, AND POSSIBILITY OF LIMITING POPULATION THROUGH BIRTH CONTROL WILL DISAPPEAR. MIDDLE CLASS ALSO FORMS STRONG LINK BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS AND IF IT "RUSTS AWAY" MIS-UNDERSTANDINGS AND CONFLICTS WILL INCREASE. ELEGANT SEES PHILS RULED BY PLUTOCRACY THAT PRETENDS TO BE CRUSADING REFORMERS; MALAYSIA MOVING TOWARD RACIAL OLIGARCHY; PRC MIDDLE CLASS SUBJECTED TO INCREASED DISCRIMINATION; INDONESIA UNABLE TO DISTRIBUTE OIL WEALTH TO STIMULATE SOCIAL EVOLUTION, WITH MIDDLE CLASS DISTRUSTED AND SUPPRESSED BY MIL RULERS SPRUNG FROM OLD ARISTOCRACY; AND MASSIVE SOCIAL AND ECON CHANGES IN VN THAT CAME FROM US MONEY AND PRESENCE NOW IN PERIL.

14. JAPAN

CDN'S LISAGOR IN WASHINGTON (11/13) NOTES APPREHENSION ABOUT PRES TRIP, IN ABSENCE OF VP. WITH CONFIRMATION STILL PENDING IN CONGRESS, SPEAKER ALBERT WOULD BE IT.

CDN'S BEECH IN TOKYO (11/13) SAYS JAPAN IS PAPERING OVER NOISY POLITICAL QUARREL IN TEMPORARY SHOW OF UNITY

CHILDS FEELS THERE IS SOMETHING TO BE SAID FOR FIRST VISIT BY INCUMBENT PRES TO JAPAN -- IF ONLY TO REBUT JAPANESE FEELING OF US NEGLECT AND INDIFFERENCE.
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SEOUL STOP RAISES GRAVEST DOUBTS ABOUT DISARRAY OF US NUCLEAR POLICY. BESIDES 40,000 TROOPS, US KEEPS NUKES IN PARK DICTATORSHIP DESPITE FREQUENT OUTBURSTS OF VIOLENCE. PRESSURE ON FORD TO STOP IN SK CAME NOTABLY FROM MILITARY, BELIEVING THAT ONCE THERE, PRES WILL ENDORSE PARK AND THE NEED

TO KEEP US TROOPS IN PLACE. CHILDS CITES ADM LAROCQUE'S CONCERN THAT IT IS ONLY MATTER OF TIME BEFORE US HAS MAJOR DISAGREEMENT WITH ROKG, AND THAT IF WE DON'T PULL TROOPS AND NUKES OUT GRACEFULLY BEFORE THEN, THEY MAY THROW US OUT WHILE KEEPING NUKES TO USE AS BARGAINING CHIP WITH US.

CHILDS EMPHASIZES URGENT NEED TO BRING ORDER OUT OF "RANDOM NUCLEAR POLICY THAT HAS SEEN THE MILITARY PROFLIGATE IN EMPLOYING" NUKES WITH "ALLEGED FRIENDS" IN SK, TURKEY AND GREECE; WE RETAIN CONTROL OF CACHES THAT ARE STORED IN STEEL AND CONCRETE IGLOOS, BUT SIZE OF US GUARD IS SMALL. HOPES FORD MAY BE IMPRESSED BY NEED TO TACKLE "THIS HELTER SKELTER POLICY SO CHARGED WITH PERIL FOR ALL CONCERNED" (SUN).

ST L P-D'S DUDMAN, IN WASHINGTON 11/10), SAYS PRESIDENT'S "SERIOUS ELECTION REBUFF" AND ANTI-US PROTESTS EXPECTED IN SEOUL AND POSSIBLY TOKYO ARE "NOT GOOD SIGNS" FOR HIS VISIT. US OFFICIALS CALL TRIP "FULFILLMENT OF PROMISE TO JAPAN, AVOIDANCE OF SNUB TO KOREA, AND OPPORTUNITY TO GET STALLED SALT TALKS INTO GEAR" BUT CRITICS SEE IT "MORE AS SHOW THAN SUBSTANCE". DUDMAN NOTES THAT LAROQUE, WHO INSPIRED CONCERN US SHIPS AND PLANES CARRY NUKES INTO JAPAN, ALSO SAYS IT "RISKY" FOR "HALF OF FLEET" TO CARRY NUKES AT ALL, GIVEN SCHLESINGER LINE "THEY SHOULD BE USED AND NOT JUST HELD AS THREAT." DESPITE THIS NEW ISSUE, DUDMAN SEES EVIDENCE US-JAPAN RELATIOHS MUCH IMPROVED OVER 1960, WHEN IKE VISIT CANCELLED, AND QUOTES JAPANESE DIPLOMATS WHO INSIST 1971 NIXON SHOCKS NO LONGER SORE SPOT. SEES GOOD SIGN IN RAPID REDRESS OF SERIOUS TRADE IMBALANCE.

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DUDMAN NOTES US OFFICIALS, "ALMOST APOLOGETIC ABOUT SEOUL VISIT," "HINT THAT MR. FORD MAY SUGGEST" THAT IMPRISONING RC BISHOP CREATES BAD IMAGE IN US, WHERE

TO WELCOME FORD VISIT. TANAKA, PLAGUED BY WATERGATE-LIKE SCANDAL, RESORTED TO CABINET TO FEND OFF FOES. WITH HIS POLITICAL OBIT WRITTEN BY MOST EXPERTS, US OFFICIALS EMPHASIZE "INSTITUTIONAL" NATURE OF VISIT.

RECENT EXPOSE OF TANAKA'S SHADY DEALING, HE NOTES, OOSCURED LAROCQUE ALLEGATIONS THAT US WARSHIPS BRING IN NUKES, LEAVING US, FOR THE MOMENT, IN POSITION OF INNOCENT BYSTANDER. KISSINGER

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